

DEBRAY

LONDON, MAY 17 (REUTERS) — THE RUSSELL PEACE FOUNDATION SAID HERE TODAY THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) HAS ORDERED THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT TO HOLD A FRENCH JOURNALIST WITHOUT CHARGES IN A MILITARY PRISON.

THE FOUNDATION CALLED ON THE BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE 26-YEAR-OLD REGIS DEBRAY, HELD BY BOLIVIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES SINCE APRIL 26.

THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS DEBRAY AND TWO OTHER JOURNALISTS, ARGENTINE CARLOS ALBERTO FRUCTUOSO AND BRITISH-BORN ANDREW ROTH, WERE MEMBERS OF A CASTROITE GUERRILLA BAND WHICH KILLED SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS.

THE FOUNDATION, FORMED BY THE 95-YEAR-OLD PHILOSOPHER IN 1963 TO RESEARCH ON DISARMAMENT, PEACE AND THE DANGER OF WAR, SAID IN A STATEMENT:

"DEBRAY HAS COMMITTED NO OFFENSE AND HIS DETENTION IS NONE OTHER THAN A SURRENDER OF BOLIVIAN SOVEREIGNTY TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES."

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